

23 December 1949

The Honorable J. Frank Wilson
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

We have received your letter concerning [redacted] which is returned herewith as you requested. As we told your office on the phone, we had already gotten out the files concerning the activities of [redacted]. These files are technically the property of the Strategic Services Unit, which exists now only for information and record purposes.

We can appreciate [redacted] anxiety and how he feels about the newspaper story he forwarded. If [redacted] the subject of that clipping, had his waiting period shortened by Act of Congress, it would, so far as we know, be a most unusual action, although you of course are more familiar with such matters than we. In any case, all OSF personnel were briefed insofar as possible that no commitments could be made to [redacted] United States or American citizenship. Clearly, any such commitment would have been without validity. Our records support completely [redacted] claims of service and the award of the Distinguished Service Cross. His actions appear truly to have been outstanding, and we would be glad at any time to afford full information to the Department of Justice in connection with any naturalization proceedings in this case. Of course the information in the file is available to you at any time. It would not, however, be within our prerogative to recommend either for or against any action other than that specified by the naturalization laws as they now stand.

Very truly yours,

Lawrence R. Houston
General Counsel

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